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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Printing Plant

1. The reproduction facilities of the Agency include (1) offset printing, (2) photostating, (3) microfilm, (4) addressograph, (5) mimeograph, and (6) special photograph reproduction. The Agency does not have contact printing (letter press) equipment at this time.

2. In September 1950 a building in [REDACTED] was leased and arrangements made for remodeling necessary to include all Agency reproduction equipment and to provide for expansion and contact printing when necessary. It is estimated that this building will be ready for partial occupancy in April and all facilities will be consolidated in [REDACTED] progressively. Adequate space exists in [REDACTED] to incorporate letter press equipment, when needed, adequate to provide for all foreseeable classified printing needs of the Agency.

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3. From 1942 through 1945 OSS operated its own combined printing and reproduction plant, including letter presses and linotype machines, with the approval of the Joint Committee on Printing. All of this equipment was transferred to State Department in 1946, and by them to the Government Printing Office, under a joint agreement whereby GPO would operate it primarily for State and CIA. This equipment, with sundry additions, is operated in the basement of South Building where it produces classified material for CIA (80%), State (10%), AEC (5%), and others (5%). In the interests of security and efficiency it was proposed, by us, to consolidate the printing machinery and equipment in South Building with the reproduction equipment in [REDACTED]. This would have avoided duplication of equipment and personnel with an estimated annual net saving to the Government of about \$100,000.

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4. State agreed to the proposal. GPO agreed subject to the approval by the Bureau of the Budget. The Bureau of the Budget agreed subject to the approval of GPO and all other agencies who might be concerned. AEC and ODM entered objections to having any of their printing subject to the control of CIA ostensibly because of potential difficulties with priorities.

5. We are proceeding with the proposed consolidation of reproduction facilities in accordance with the recommendations of our own officials and our printing consultants. We have the space available for the required letter presses and other equipment which, except for Public Law 110, could not be acquired without consent of the Joint Committee. We are now purchasing some auxiliary equipment, such as collators and binders, of suitable size for operation in connection with letter presses, under our Public Law 110 authority.

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